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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Caton:

Please accept the following reply comments submitted by the Satellite Industry Association for NPRM 95-285, docket # 95-117, entitled "Streamlining Commission Rules and Regulations for Satellite Applications and Licensing Procedures," on an ex parte basis in view of the fact that the deadline for filing was October 25, 1995. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Streamlining the Commission's)
Rules and Regulations for Satellite)
Applications and Licensing Procedures)

IB Docket No. 95-117

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REPLY COMMENTS OF THE SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) hereby respectfully submits these reply comments in the above captioned proceeding:

Although it did not submit comments in the proceeding,¹ SIA supports and appreciates the efforts of the Commission, as reflected in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 95-285 (released Aug. 11, 1995)(NPRM) to revise and "streamline" the Commission's satellite application and licensing procedures. From SIA's review of the comments filed in this proceeding, it is apparent that the FCC's streamlining efforts have the full support of the satellite industry.

¹Because many of SIA's members have filed comments in this proceeding, SIA is not addressing any of the specific comments filed or proposals presented in the NPRM.

The NPRM is representative of the current FCC agenda to promote the public interest by providing maximum service to consumers with minimal regulatory burdens on the communications industry. The NPRM also reflects the Commission's goal of recognizing recent technological advances and innovations and integrating them into the licensing process. SIA and its member companies support the Commission's activities and objectives to eliminate unnecessary regulatory requirements and burdens on the communications satellite industry.

SIA also recognizes and supports the Commission's (and particularly the International Bureau's) efforts to initiate a review of the satellite licensing policies, as announced in the Public Notice, "International Bureau to Review Satellite Licensing Policies," Report No. IN 95-25 (released Sept. 20, 1995). SIA is looking forward to the concerted FCC and industry review of the satellite licensing policies and appreciates the opportunity to participate in that proceeding.

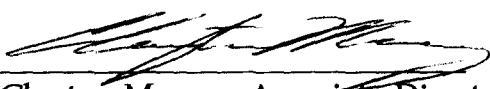
SIA hopes that through these two proceedings, the instant proceeding wherein the Commission is reviewing its satellite application and licensing procedures and the recently announced proceeding to review satellite licensing policies, the Commission will be able to streamline its licensing procedures and refine its licensing policies to meet the technological, economic, and policy challenges that face the industry and to avoid a process that would have a devastating impact on the U.S. communications

satellite industry: auctions.

SIA welcomes the opportunity to participate fully with the FCC in shaping future satellite policies and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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